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Mr. Julius Genachowski  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Mr. Genachowski:

As County Judge Executive of Powell County, Kentucky, a rural Appalachian county, which has been traditionally underserved by all forms of electronic media, I have written to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and other Federal officials in the past, to support the efforts of LightSquared to build a new cell phone and wireless internet network that will provide universal coverage to rural areas in our nation.

Today I want to inform the FCC that LightSquared has been of great service to Kentucky's emergency workers during the past few days. Disastrous tornadoes ripped through parts of Eastern Kentucky last week, leaving behind death, destruction, and sadness. LightSquared provided satellite phones and other types of communications equipment to Kentucky's disaster relief workers, allowing them to communicate not only with their fellow workers, but also with Federal, state, and local officials in the affected counties.

I have written in the past that as County Judge Executive, I am the elected chief executive officer of the county government. In my role as chief executive, I am in charge of implementing the county's budget, and in making sure that the people who work for the county government, including our first responders, have the equipment they need to do their jobs. In these days, first responders depend on a wide array of communications equipment. All of this equipment uses wireless communications of one form or another, and most depend on wireless broadband coverage. Unfortunately, the level of wireless service available in Powell County, and other rural counties in Kentucky is very poor indeed. At the time I first wrote these things to you, I did not know that within a few weeks, I would see firsthand the type of service that LightSquared could provide to rural Kentucky on a daily basis.

Rural counties such as mine are suffering in today's economy in part because our citizens do not have access to the information infrastructure available in more populous areas. My

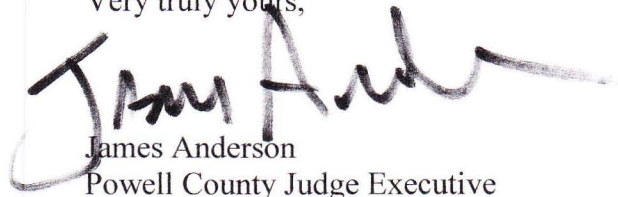
understanding is that LightSquared has made a commitment to providing broadband service to 260 million Americans by 2015, a number that will virtually cover all of rural America.

It is also important to small communities like mine to know that LightSquared plans to sell its services wholesale through a network of local dealers, rather than one nationwide retailer. This means that these retailers will open locations and employ people in counties like mine all across America. Our county needs these jobs desperately, because there has always been a shortage of good paying jobs in rural areas.

In reading about LightSquared, I am struck by the fact that it has always followed the law, and has played by the rules in its regulatory filings and the way it has proceeded to test and develop its system. Now that the FCC has decided that LightSquared cannot use its own bandwidth, I urge it to help LightSquared find some solution, perhaps through the use of another portion of the spectrum. I am no engineer, but I am confident that a solution can be worked out, and that the FCC can help.

As an elected county leader who understands the impact of technology on rural America, and who is fighting every day for economic development in rural America, I urge the FCC to use all its efforts to help LightSquared implement its network. Thank you for your time and attention to this issue, which is of utmost importance to rural counties like mine all over America.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "James Anderson", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

James Anderson  
Powell County Judge Executive